

born in his charge at Venice. The rate of four has been raised to six, and the name of the Mattioli, the prisoner died in 1760 and was buried in the cemetery of St. Paul. M. Bertrand of the French Foreign Office has examined the register of burials in the name Mattioli under that date. Louis XVI. told me that he had seen the prisoner, as an Italian minister; Louis XVI. assured me that he was in the authority of Maurepas, that the man was a dangerous intriguer, a subject of the Duke of Mantua, and that he had arrested him at the frontier and imprisoned him at Pignerone. The man was a native of Mantua, a name somewhat conjectural, and puts me and to all other theories, including Voltaire's bold invention that the man in the iron mask was a suppressed brother of Louis XVI. The man has taken up and is mentioned in his "Three Guardsmen" and his "Forty-two." The intrigue was giving information to Austria, Spain, Naples and Venice of negotiations into which Louis XVI. had entered with me, to induce him to sell the important